

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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BUDGET RESOLUTION/Social Security Earnings Test

SUBJECT: Senate Concurrent Budget Resolution for fiscal years 1996-2002 . . . S. Con. Res. 13. Domenici (for McCain) substitute amendment No. 1167 to the Exon (for Lautenberg) amendment No. 1166.

ACTION: AMENDMENT AGREED TO, 97-3

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. Con. Res. 13, the fiscal year 1996 Concurrent Budget Resolution, will reduce projected spending over 7 years to balance the budget by fiscal year (FY) 2002 without increasing taxes. Savings that will accrue from lower debt service payments (an estimated \$170 billion) will be dedicated to a reserve fund, which may be used for tax reductions after enactment of laws to ensure a balanced budget. Highlights include the following: the rate of growth in Medicare will be slowed to 7.1 percent; Medicaid's rate of growth will be slowed to 5 percent and it will be transformed into a block grant program; the Commerce Department and more than 100 other Federal programs, agencies, and commissions will be eliminated; welfare and housing programs will be reformed; agriculture, energy, and transportation subsidies will be cut; foreign aid will be cut; defense spending will be cut and then allowed to increase back to its 1995 level; and Social Security will not be altered.

The Lautenberg amendment would adjust the spending and revenue levels in the budget resolution to increase the total amount collected in taxes by \$1.771 billion over the next 7 years and to increase spending under function 700 (Veterans Benefits and Services) by the same amount. The intent of the amendment would be to raise revenue by stopping wealthy Americans from avoiding the payment of taxes by renouncing their citizenship, and to spend that revenue on Veterans programs.

The McCain second-degree substitute amendment to the Lautenberg amendment would delete the Lautenberg amendment's tax and spending increases, and would express the sense of the Senate that "the assumptions underlying the functional totals in this resolution include that the increased revenues resulting from the revision of the expatriate tax loophole should be used to eliminate the earnings penalty imposed on low and middle income senior citizens receiving social security."

The McCain amendment was offered after all debate time on the resolution had expired.

NOTE: Following the vote, the Lautenberg amendment, as amended, was adopted by voice vote.

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YEAS (97)				NAYS (3)		NOT VOTING (0)	
Republican (54 or 100%)		Democrats (43 or 93%)		Republicans (0 or 0%)	Democrats (3 or 7%)	Republicans (0)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Hutchison	Akaka	Hollings		Exon		
Ashcroft	Inhofe	Baucus	Inouye		Mikulski		
Bennett	Jeffords	Biden	Johnston		Moynihan		
Bond	Kassebaum	Bingaman	Kennedy				
Brown	Kempthorne	Boxer	Kerrey				
Burns	Kyl	Bradley	Kerry				
Campbell	Lott	Breaux	Kohl				
Chafee	Lugar	Bryan	Lautenberg				
Coats	Mack	Bumpers	Leahy				
Cochran	McCain	Byrd	Levin				
Cohen	McConnell	Conrad	Lieberman				
Coverdell	Murkowski	Daschle	Moseley-Braun				
Craig	Nickles	Dodd	Murray				
D'Amato	Packwood	Dorgan	Nunn				
DeWine	Pressler	Feingold	Pell				
Dole	Roth	Feinstein	Pryor				
Domenici	Santorum	Ford	Reid				
Faircloth	Shelby	Glenn	Robb				
Frist	Simpson	Graham	Rockefeller				
Gorton	Smith	Harkin	Sarbanes				
Gramm	Snowe	Heflin	Simon				
Grams	Specter		Wellstone				
Grassley	Stevens						
Gregg	Thomas						
Hatch	Thompson						
Hatfield	Thurmond						
Helms	Warner						

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

No arguments were expressed either in favor of or in opposition to the McCain amendment.